

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 203292  
ORIGIN OES-09

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 /020 R

66011

DRAFTED BY OES/NET:D HOYLE  
APPROVED BY OES/NET:DBHOYLE  
EA/ANZ: C. H. TWINING

-----070394 130056Z /62

R 120210Z AUG 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA 8356

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 203292

FOL RPT STATE 203292 SENT ACTION TOKYO INFO OTTAWA AUG 11,  
1978

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 203292

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, ETRD

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DOE OFFICIAL TO TOKYO : G. HELFRICH

1. DURING STOPOVER IN TOKYO ON JULY 31-AUGUST1, G.F. HEL-  
FRICH, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
PAID COURTESY CALLS ON OFFICIALS OF STA, MITI, AND JAPANESE  
UTILITIES. FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT POINTS CAME OUT OF THESE  
CALLS:

(A) JAPANESE TENTATIVELY PLAN TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR  
NEXT DISCUSSIONS ON PREPAYMENT FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT  
SERVICES WEEK OF 21 AUGUST;

(B) THEY ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF PROPOSING INCREASE  
IN AMOUNT OF PREPAYMENT FROM \$1.0 BILLION TO \$1.5 BILLION -  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 203292

NON-GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS STATED THAT PROPOSED INCREASE HAD  
ALREADY BEEN CLEARED WITH UTILITIES;

(C) THEY EXPECT TO MAKE DEFINITIVE PROPOSAL ON PURCHASE  
OF MATERIAL DURING 21 AUGUST VISIT - CURRENTLY THEY ARE  
THINKING OF PURCHASE OF ABOUT 6,000 TONS OF NATURAL URANIUM  
FEED MATERIAL - THEY CANNOT GO SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THAT  
BECAUSE UTILITIES HAVE ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE

SUFFICIENT NATURAL URANIUM TO MEET THEIR NEEDS UP TO ABOUT  
1990;  
(D) MITI OFFICIALS HAD NOT ADVISED UTILITIES THAT DOE

WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SALE OF MATERIAL INCLUDED SALE  
OF ENRICHED URANIUM - WHEN REMINDED OF THIS MITI OFFICIALS  
AGREED TO EXPLORE THAT APPROACH PRIOR TO WASHINGTON VISIT;  
(E) STRONG FEELING IS DEVELOPING IN HIGH LEVEL JAPANESE  
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCLES THAT IN VIEW OF CHANGING  
AND UNCERTAIN US NUCLEAR POLICIES THEY CAN NO LONGER  
AFFORD TO REMAIN EXCLUSIVELY TIED TO US - THEY MUST DIVER-  
SIFY AND ESTABLISH MORE NUCLEAR CONTACTS WITH EUROPEANS  
INCLUDING FOR ENRICHMENT SUPPLY - AMONG UTILITIES, KANSAI  
ELECTRIC IS REPORTEDLY PROMOTING STRONGER TIES WITH  
EUROPEANS WHEREAS TOKYO ELECTRIC IS SUPPORTING CONTINUED  
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH US.

2. SINCE CLAIM IN 1(C) ABOVE THAT JAPANESE HAVE SUFFICIENT  
URANIUM UNDER CONTRACT TO MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS TO ABOUT  
1990 CONFLICTS WITH OTHER REPORTS, DOE WOULD APPRECIATE  
ANY DETAILS EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON ACTUAL JAPANESE URANIUM  
SUPPLY SITUATION.

3(A). "NON-GOVERNMENT" OFFICIALS REFERRED TO IN 1(B)  
ABOVE ARE INDUSTRY OFFICIALS;

(B) "SALE OF ENRICHED URANIUM" MENTIONED IN 1(D) REFERS  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 203292

TO WILLINGNESS OF DOE TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL SALE AS  
PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED IN STATE 185153. VANCE  
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

NOTE ORIGINAL DISTRIBUTION: DOE/EUR,EA,ISO,PUAE,TRSE,EB,

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** URANIUM, SALES, VISITS, NUCLEAR FUELS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 12 aug 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE203292  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** D HOYLE  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780330-1202  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780870/aaaacgfq.tel  
**Line Count:** 99  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** a1c18264-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN OES  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 28 apr 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1758397  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** VISIT OF DOE OFFICIAL TO TOKYO : G. HELFRICH  
**TAGS:** ENRG, ETRD, OTRA, US, JA, DOE, (HELFRICH, G F)  
**To:** CANBERRA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/a1c18264-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014